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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 04/05/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3-12.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 01 October 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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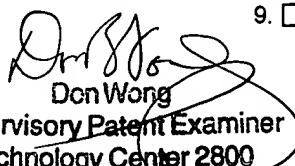
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 0505/2004
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claim 1 has been allowed over the prior art because they fail to teach a semiconductor laser module comprising; a package hermetically sealed and having an interior space that contains the semiconductor laser element, a first side allowing said laser light to pass therethrough, and a second side positioned across said interior space from said first side; a vent member disposed in said second side and extending from said interior space to a space that is exterior to said package, said vent member configured to transport the low heat conduction gas from a gas source to the interior space when unsealed, and said vent member configured to prevent a flow of gas between the interior space and the exterior when sealed in combination with the remaining limitation.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claim 12 has been allowed over the prior art because they fail to teach a semiconductor laser module comprising; a package hermetically sealed and having an interior space that contains the semiconductor laser element, a first side allowing said laser light to pass therethrough, and a second side positioned across said interior space from said first

side; means for providing a low heat conduction gas to the interior space; said means for providing a low heat conduction gas being disposed in said second side; and means for exhausting gas from the interior space, said means for exhausting gas being in combination with the remaining limitation.

Claims 3 - 11 has been found allowable due to their dependency on claims 1 and 12.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reason for Allowance".


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Delma R. Flores Ruiz whose telephone number is (571) 272-1940. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on (571) -272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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